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COMMANDING GENERAL'S COMMENTS



WHY WE SERVE, V

Eleven 3rd Corps Support Command Soldiers extended their personal sacrifice to their country, in a July 28 reenlistment ceremony during the Urgent Victory/Unified Endeavor field exercise at Grafenwoehr training area.

“A reenlistment ceremony like this, on the eve of deployment, tells me that we are cultivating this ethos of ‘do something for the good of the group and not just yourself.’ That’s what we are doing with reenlistment. We are choosing the right people to take care of the future of the Army, choosing the people who exhibit this ethos, who project personal sacrifice.

There is this special gene one must have to be in the military, and it’s not just in us, who wear the uniform. It’s that special gene our family has to have. I know that my own family, my parents, my nephew, my friends, they have that special gene.

They don’t quite understand because they couldn’t do it, but they love me for doing it, and they love me for doing it for them and for the future of our nation.

As these eleven Soldiers join the

ranks of noncommissioned officers and young Soldiers who reenlist, they and their families get it. They truly possess this special gene. They realize it’s about more than just themselves, it’s about their nation, it’s about helping the Iraqis, it’s about helping another country seek governance and democracy.

Before the ceremony, I talked with each of the eleven reenlisting Soldiers, and there were Soldiers from sea to shining sea, from New York to California, from the Virgin Islands to the Philippines. There were single parents, married, single, male, female, two years in the service to eight years in the service; Soldiers reenlisting from three-year to six-year terms.

And when I asked, ‘Why’d you reenlist, why’d you stay?’ answers ranged: for the money; to provide a better home for my family; because I love the Soldiers I work with.

I’ve often asked myself this same question. ‘Why do I stay?’ For the people who I serve and for the people who have trained, mentored and groomed me to have this servant leadership mentality. I think you know when it’s your time to go,

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and when I talk to my family and friends, as appealing as it may be, to be sitting on the lake right now and fishing, or riding a horse in the countryside in Virginia, they accept as much as I accept that I still have more to contribute, and I need to make the personal sacrifice and do it. Knowing that keeps me motivated and committed everyday.

For me to expect a Soldier with a year in the army to have the same level of commitment and dedication as myself, someone with 24 years in the army, is unreasonable.

On the other hand, if I can show that Soldier where I am after 24 years of motivation and commitment, 24 years of serving and staying, then maybe I can inspire and influence them to want that in their own life 24 years from now.

Thank God for the deep sense of commitment and character that exists within our Soldiers like these eleven, who not only serve, *they stay*. ☺☺

*Rebecca S. Halstead
Brigadier General
Commanding General*



Reenlistees - From the 529th Ordnance Detachment: Spc. Anthony Aure, Spc. Antonio Benjamin, Spc. Clayton Hunsdon, Spc. Stacy Contreras, Spc. Darrell Crawford, Pfc. Jenae Haenel, Sgt. Neasha Horton, Sgt. Peter Laesch and Spc. Gerald Mazurowski. From HHC, 3rd Corps Support Command: Sgt. Kevin Dawson. From HHC, 16th Corps Support Group: Staff Sgt. Robert People.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S WORDS

16th Corps Support Group
Command Sgt. Maj.
Ricky R. Driskell (center)
surrounds himself with
trained Soldiers during his
first deployment to Iraq.



"There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet an enemy."

- General George Washington

a Soldier's spouse approached me the other day and asked, "Why were we spending so much time on training and going to the field when the unit is deploying so soon? Weren't we ready? What good would last minute training do?" After several minutes of ranting and raving on the importance of training and how training leads to confidence, competence, and assurance in Soldiers' abilities, I noticed that I had lost the spouse's attention. I stopped, regrouped, and uttered the phrase "as you were." I thought for a minute about how I could get my point across to this and other spouses on the importance of training in all phases of deployment.

Speaking to a football fan, I explained that we approach training in the same manner as a professional football team prepares for an upcoming football season.

Months prior to the first game of the season, the Cleveland Browns begin training by hosting a rookie camp for all new players in the organization. The Browns' training strategy is to introduce the new players to the team's idiosyncrasies and terminology, while evaluating each player's strengths and weaknesses. Players are then assimilated into the team's goals of being victorious in their weekly battles and ultimately winning the Super Bowl.

Soldiers arrive and depart from an Army unit throughout the pre-deployment

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training phase. Units must simulate and conduct strategies similar to the Browns' pre-season training to stay focused on its mission. As the unit receives new Soldiers, the training begins on day one when Soldiers and families are welcomed into the unit.

A Soldier's or football player's experience, Military Occupational Specialty or position, and prior training or years played are taken into consideration when planning training events.

Soldiers must qualify with their weapons, conduct Common Task Training, and train on both, the Army's specific related tasks that are common Army-wide, and those tasks that are unique to the Soldier's geographical station.

Shortly after Rookie Camp, the Brown's require veteran players to report to training camp where players are grouped by skill positions to work on their individual skills. Training begins with daily practice. As skill levels improve, the frequency and intensity of practices increases, while the room for error is decreased.

In the Army, the unit must conduct a similar type of individual training to contribute to the overall mission. Leaders plan and organize Field Training Exercises, Sergeant's Time Training and other training events to provide Soldiers with individual Warrior Tasks. Much like a football player, an individual Soldier must thoroughly understand, become proficient in, and eventually master the art of being a Soldier. They must embrace and live the Army Values and must embed the Warrior Ethos into their daily regiments. Individual tasks such as first aid, map reading,

marksmanship, communication skills and the ability to fight on the battlefield must be taught, learned, practiced and fully embedded into Soldiers' minds and spirits.

As the Browns may cross train players to be able to fill different positions,

Soldiers must be cross trained to execute the multiple critical skills required to successfully execute full spectrum missions. We need Soldiers who can wear the hat of Combat Life Saver, Master Gunner, Force Protection Leader, Field Sanitation Team Member, Master Driver and NBC Team Member, while still performing within their MOS. A coach would not put a quarterback in the game if he could only throw the football five yards. He would get sacked, and the team would lose the game. Similarly, a noncommissioned officer or commander

I relish the chance to train, as it is the ultimate opportunity for me to learn, grow, share and become an integral and productive member of the team.

**- Command Sgt. Maj.
Ricky R. Driskell**

would not deploy a Soldier who has not qualified on his/her weapon. The Soldier could lose his/her life and the unit could lose the battle. There is no room for error, doubt or confusion as to whether his/her Soldier is trained and qualified. Developing, mentoring and training require time and resources meshed with hard work, sweat and determination from each and every Soldier.

With just weeks before the season opening game, the Brown's players have mastered their individual skills and now must prove they can come together as a team. To compete and win at a professional level, the Browns need all players to think, act, work and execute as a team, not as individuals. In most cases, the team that is victorious is the team that trains the most on fundamentals, performs

to standard, executes the game plan, and plays as a team. To test the team, coaches scrimmage their team against other teams evaluating their players' performances in search of the areas that need improvement to meet the standards.

A unit applies the same principle. When Soldiers have proven their competence on their individual tasks, they come together and train as a unit. Soldiers are tested and evaluated through a series of exercises and training events to verify the unit's ability to function and operate as a team. Urgent Victory and Unified Endeavor were two exercises where units and Soldiers were put under pressure and tested on their ability to function as members of a team.

In these exercises, units increase their lethality by fine tuning their individual and collective skills to the point where they are performing as an "Army of One." Training events are scheduled to test the organization's likelihood to perform under pressure as a team. Interceptions, blocked punts, substitution of key leaders and penalties are all incorporated into the game plan to validate that the Soldiers and units can be victorious in the big game.

For the Browns, the training pays off when they are crowned the Super Bowl Champions. For the unit, the training paid off when their installation hosts the Welcome Home Ceremony and Soldiers are reunited with their families.

Our job as professional Soldiers requires us to deploy, at a moment's notice, to any "hot spot" in the world. Soldiering is our job and our training is paramount to our survival and mission accomplishment. In our profession, losing is not an option.

We are an "Army of One" with many diverse talents, backgrounds and abilities. We must understand and harness those abilities to make our Army and our units successful. Training is the largest factor in ensuring that we can win the big game and return home safely. We owe it to our loved ones, our peers and ourselves to train and train well.

**Ricky R. Driskell
Command Sergeant Major
16th Corps Support Group**

FROM THE EDITOR

Motivate me, Lead me, Train me!

Welcome to the Summer 2005 Sustainer magazine. Our goal in this edition, as in every edition of the magazine, is to give you a wide variety of information about the 3rd Corps Support Command and the Soldiers, civilian employees and family members who make up this proud unit.

As two 27th Transportation Battalion (MC) units joined the COSCOM presence in Iraq, our remaining Soldiers and civilian employees spent the last quarter continuing pre-deployment preparation.

In this edition, we honor those who deployed, while providing information about the Army Combat Uniform for those approaching deployment.

You'll find yourself in the middle of a different type of battle, as you join two of our own command sergeants major for some motivational training with the Frankfurt Galaxy professional football team.

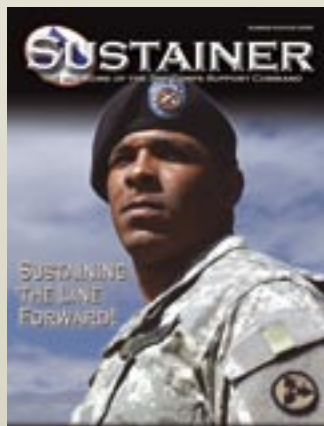
When command shifts in a military unit, the passing of responsibility is marked by the ceremonial passing of the colors.

We've highlighted the 14

COSCOM units that passed their colors during the last quarter.

You'll read about our COSCOM Soldiers who welcomed the responsibility of, "never leaving a fallen comrade," by participating in MEDEVAC operations training.

Our regular columns from the Family Readiness Group, the Equal Opportunity Advisor, the Chaplain, the Inspector General, Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers, the Career Counselors, and the Safety Officer are overflowing with information, and we've continued our column geared towards civilian employees, with "Battlefield Ready Civilians, Part 2."



Each quarter we offer a reversible poster that depicts two of the COSCOM's key functions. This edition features "Sustaining" and "Control Centers."

If you have any suggestions, or would like to make a submission for a future edition of Sustainer magazine, please contact us at the address to the right.

We ask that you keep the Soldiers and civilians who are serving in harm's way around the world, and their family members, in your thoughts. If you are one of them, we thank you for your service and sacrifice!

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Combating Deployment Denial

By **Melissa O'Brien**
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Another deployment is around the corner, and many families are still denying the fact that they need to prepare for this event. Families know that they're part of the military community, yet many don't want to believe that their Soldier will spend time away from the family doing their job.

Thinking this way is a very human response—denial is a process used to protect oneself from things that can hurt. There are even different flavors of denial: Outright Denial (“Nah, it won’t ever happen”), Minimizing (“They’ll only deploy for 6 months”), or even Blaming (“If the kids were better behaved, my spouse wouldn’t want to deploy”). Denial, along with shock, disbelief, and emotional numbness are ways in which the mind distances itself and avoids the pain of deployment. Remaining in this state of can be so painfully damaging and put your family at a severe disadvantage.

Soldiers train to deploy. Could you imagine a heart surgeon going to school and never practicing emergency medicine? In a perfect world, no one would ever have health problems and surgeons wouldn’t be needed. Similarly, military members train and practice—and if the world were perfect, Soldiers would be out of business.

Why, then, does it seem that families experience denial more often than the Soldiers? In the Soldiers’ normal place of duty they are mentally and physically training every day for “the big dance”. It would be ridiculous for the Soldier to work daily toward the same goal and never see the outcome; supporting the mission is an exciting time for them to put their skills to the test. Our Soldiers are required to be mission ready at a moment’s notice—

family members owe it to them to follow their lead.

The key to battling deployment denial is family-based, proactive, pre-deployment planning. “Even if you crash and hit the wall, you can regroup,” says Social Work Services’ Mike Robinson. “... it’s what you do after the wreck that’s important”. Preparing for deployment and keeping your family “fit to fight” involves constant communication, completing pre-deployment checklists, and maintaining an encouraging mind-set throughout. Anticipate the predictable and be armed for the unexpected. Our Family Readiness Group has tips on becoming physically, mentally and emotionally ready for deployments.

Information

For more assistance in deployment preparation, check out:

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COME HOME SAFELY

Photos / Text by Spc. Mary E. Ferguson



Capt. Lorene Rodan receives a white rose during the 627th Movement Control Team's departure ceremony, May 6. All of the mothers in the unit received a rose in honor of the upcoming Mother's Day.

3rd Corps Support Command units take the courageous first step in their long journey to Iraq.

Soldiers from the 635th Movement Regulating Detachment and the 627th Movement Control Team said their goodbyes to friends and family before departing for Iraq. Both units belong to 3rd Corps Support Command's 27th Transportation Battalion (MC).

The 635th Movement Regulating Detachment loaded footlockers and duffle bags onto a bus outside of the 27th Transportation Battalion Headquarters, Wiesbaden, April 25. The Soldiers then spent a few final moments with their families before boarding the bus and

beginning their trip to Iraq, where they will continue their mission of regulating movement and providing transportation support.

Soldiers from the 627th Movement Control Team stood before friends and family during a May 6 departure ceremony, which recognized the units upcoming deployment.


Less than two weeks later the transportation unit loaded a bus, embarking on their forward mission of providing movement control and coordinating transportation support in Iraq.



Soldiers from the 627th MCT stand at attention, as family and friends recognize the unit's upcoming deployment during the May 6 departure ceremony.



(above) Sgt. Damien Watts holds his daughter one last time before loading the bus with his fellow 635th Movement Regulating Detachment Soldiers.
(left) 2nd Lt. Jodi L. Roberts from the 635th MRD leaves the 27th Transportation Battalion Headquarters to load her duffel bag and rucksack onto the bus.

A full-length photograph of a female soldier standing with her hands behind her back. She is wearing the new Army Combat Uniform (ACU) in a camouflage pattern, a black beret with a blue insignia, and a black belt. She is looking off to the side with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM

By Jason L. Austin
USAREUR Public Affairs

The Army is adapting its uniform standards to meet the needs of Soldiers transitioning to the new Army Combat Uniform.

With a new camouflage pattern and features designed for field and deployment use – including a wash-and-wear fabric that precludes the need for starch – the ACU seems destined to be a Soldier-pleaser. U.S. Army, Europe leaders say while the uniform is phasing in, some mixing of certain uniform articles is not only authorized, but encouraged.

“If you go back to the early 80’s, we transitioned between permanent-press fatigue uniforms and BDUs (battle dress uniforms). We had a mix of uniforms within our formations for a couple of years and we’re about to experience that again,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael L. Gravens, command sergeant major, U.S. Army, Europe and 7th Army.

Beginning this summer, Soldiers deploying to Global War on Terror theaters of operation will receive the new uniform. New Soldiers will receive the ACU as part of their initial issue beginning in fiscal year 2006; all Soldiers are required to possess two ACU uniforms by May 2007. Military Clothing and Sales stores will begin selling the new uniforms in April 2006.

The Battle Dress and Desert Battle Dress Uniform wear-out dates have not been set.

During the ACU phase-in, Soldiers may mix certain uniform items

normally worn with the ACU, BDU or DBDU.

Specifically the Army Combat Boots, Hot Weather and Temperate Weather (Tan) which will be standard issue with the ACU can be worn with the BDU and DBDUs. Gravens said that provision is by intention.

“It was a conscious decision after some thought and discussion,” Gravens said, “to allow the mixing of ensemble items as we transition between BDU/DCU and ACU uniforms.

For example, if a Soldier needs to buy a new pair of boots right now, why should we require him or her to buy the traditional black boot, when within the coming months the tan boot will be the norm?”

Other items which can be worn interchangeably are the rigger belt, the tan, moisture wicking T-shirt and the new green socks.

Gravens said the ACU will bring other changes, as well.

“We will wear only subdued pin-on (combat, skill, and identification) badges, as authorized by the commander, in a garrison environment,” Gravens said. “The intent being badges in the field are not necessary and we will not have our Soldiers spending money on sewing, with the exception of optional sewing of rank on the ACU patrol cap, sun hat, and Kevlar camouflage cover.

“Secondly, I would like to point out that we will no longer wear sleeves rolled up with the ACU uniform. I don’t believe too many Soldiers are aware of that yet,” he said.

Gravens said ultimately, the ACU is an improved uniform, designed, in part, to lessen the burden on Soldiers and improve the war-fighting capabilities of the Soldier.

“I believe that our Soldiers will greatly prefer the ACU uniform over BDUs or DCUs,” Gravens said.

“Not only will they find it a more comfortable and practical uniform, but they will also save a great deal of money and time on a monthly basis, by no longer starching uniforms or sewing nametapes, badges and patches. I look forward to seeing the Soldiers of USAREUR in ACUs and I am confident they will like this uniform.”



ACU Issue dates*

HHC, 27th TC	24-Aug
HHC, 181st TC	25-Aug

BAUMHOLDER

16th CSG	5-Aug
529th OD CO	2-Aug
HHC, 18th CSB	3-Aug
19th CS CO	8-Aug
623 TC (TSC)	8-Aug
624th TC MVT	8-Aug
612th TC MVT	8-Aug
16th CS BDE	9-Aug
3rd CS CO	10-Aug
HHC, 485th CS	11-Aug

HANAU

633rd TC MVT	24-Aug
626th TC MVT	24-Aug
19TH CS CO	24-Aug

*dates subject to change

GTA SITE

317th OD CO	9-Aug
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DARMSTADT

3rd CS CO	24-Aug
317th OD CO	24-Aug
HHC, 71st CS	24-Aug

Basis of Issue per Soldier

(4) ACU Coat (4) CU Trousers, (1) ACU Patrol Hat (1) ACU Sun Hat, (1) Knee and Elbow Pads set (4) T-shirts (Sand) (1) ACH Helmet Cover Accessories: (3) Name Tape (2) US Army Tape (2) Rank, Velcro (1) Rank, Pin-On (2) Unit Patch (2) Colored Flag (1) IR Flag Items provided through RFI (1) Boots, Desert (1) Boots, Temp 1 ea (4) Socks, pair (1) Belt, Riggers





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Sergeant Major

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As the army of purple and orange rushed the battlefield, an explosion of cheers attacked the enemy from all angles. The warriors raised their helmets and hands, signaling their supporting fans to “fire for effect!”



Command Sgt. Maj. Karl E. Schmitt

Command Sgt. Maj. Karl E. Schmitt joined the Army in 1985 as a Light Wheel Vehicle Mechanic. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

His follow on assignments include; 1/72 Armor, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea; 21st EVAC, 13th COSCOM, Fort Hood, Texas; Charlie Company 5th Engineer Combat Heavy Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; 565th Ordnance Company, Pirmasens and Crailsheim Germany; S&T Troop Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas; Delta Company, 4-10 Infantry, Delta 1-48 Infantry Dragoons, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Libby NCOA Academy Drill Sergeant School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Bravo Company 57th Signal Battalion, 3rd Signal Brigade Fort Hood, Texas; 602nd Maintenance Company, 553 Corps Support Battalion, 64th Corps Support Group, 13th COSCOM, Fort Hood, Texas; 602nd Maintenance Company, 142nd CSB, 3rd COSCOM, IRAQ; International Students Division, United States Army Sergeants Major

Academy, Fort Bliss Texas.

Schmitt has held the leadership positions of Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Basic Training Drill Sergeant, Drill Sergeant Instructor at the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy, First Sergeant, and he is currently the 3rd COSCOM's Special Troops Battalion Command Sergeant Major.

His military education includes the Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, NBC Officer / NCO Course, Unit Fitness Trainers Course, Reenlistment & Retention Course, Unit Maintenance Operations and Management Course, Drill Sergeant School, Drill Sergeant Instructor Course, Battle Staff, First Sergeant Course, Schmitt is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, and a graduate of the Command Sergeants Major Course.

Schmitt's awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6th Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (9th OLC), Good Conduct Medal (6th award), National Defense Medal with Bronze Star Device, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Ribbon, Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal, Drill Sergeant Badge, Expert Mechanics Badge.

Special Troops Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Karl E. Schmitt and 27th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control) Command Sgt. Maj. Barry E. Maieritsch led the Frankfurt Galaxy professional football team into battle April 30.

The Galaxy coaching staff turned to the command sergeants major to help combat the team's recent losing streak. Accepting the mission, Schmitt and Maieritsch approached the football warriors as they would their Soldiers; they trained them before sending them into battle.

The motivational training began April 29. Following the team dinner, Schmitt and Maieritsch shared real life stories of dedication and teamwork, while applying the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage to each player's responsibility to the team.

Back and forth, the command sergeants major took turns talking, and the players responded with a "holler" of understanding. By the end of the speech the "holler" was replaced with a "hooah!"

"Since I was a kid, all I have ever wanted is to wear this uniform," said Schmitt while wearing his Battle Dress Uniform, during the talk. "I wake up everyday and live my dream, I lead Soldiers."

He addressed the players, "When you put on that uniform tomorrow, wear it like you are living your dream, you are playing professional football."

"It's the distance between your head and heart that defines who you are on that battlefield tomorrow," said Maieritsch. "When you shorten that distance between your head and your heart, you WIN ... just WIN!"

Command Sgt. Maj. Karl E. Schmitt talks game strategy with a Frankfurt Galaxy player just moments before the April 30 battle kicked off.







Every eye in the room then followed Schmitt as he lowered his head, gathered his thoughts and described a visit he made to a young Soldier wounded in Iraq.

The Soldier talked about how he was eager to get better so he could get back out there beside his battle buddies, said Schmitt.

“That’s dedication to the team. That’s the attitude that each of you should have,” Maiertisch interjected. “Make that last tackle for your team, even if it hurts, run that last yard.”

“Soldiers live by the acronym LDRSHIP,” he added. “Fight your battles with that same acronym in mind.”

Maiertisch elaborated on each value; Remain **L**oyal to the team, as each player has a **D**uty to their teammates, coaches, family and fans, to give their all in every practice and game; **R**espect that duty and the people who helped and are helping you live your dreams; **S**elflessly sacrifice your body for that block, or your pride by doing what is best for the team and not just yourself; Take **H**onor when you suit up, when you do interviews or sign autographs; Hang on to your **I**ntegrity, run that sprint when no one is looking, make that block when the camera is not pointed at you, and have the **P**ersonal courage to face a bigger and faster enemy for the team.

After an hour of “hollers” and “hooahs”, the room was like a massive touchdown celebration as the players rushed the command sergeants major with words and hand shakes of adrenaline fueled appreciation.

Armed with the ‘walk phase’ of the training, the players were ready for the ‘run phase’ when Schmitt and Maieritsch entered the Galaxy locker room before the April 30 battle.

Command Sgt. Maj. Barry E. Maieritsch leads the Galaxy players to the sidelines following the pre-game team huddle.



Command Sgt. Maj. Barry E. Maieritsch

Command Sgt. Maj. Barry E. Maieritsch enlisted into the Army as a Motor Transport Operator in January 1984 and completed basic and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

In addition to numerous state-side assignments, his deployments include a six-month deployment to Taszar, Hungary in support of Sustainment Forces (SFOR), two deployments to Kosovo Forces (KFOR) in Skopje, Macedonia to support transfers of authorities (TOA) and an eight-month deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom at Balad S.E. Airfield (LSA Anaconda) Iraq.

He has filled leadership positions at every level, from squad leader to company 1st sergeant.

In January of 2001, Maieritsch was selected to attend the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy where he successfully graduated the USASMA Class 52.

In June of 2003, he was appointed to his current position of Command Sergeant Major and

immediately deployed to Balad SE Airfield (LSA Anaconda), Iraq, where he assumed duties and responsibilities of the 27th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control).

Maieritsch has attended the following courses; Basic Airborne, Airborne Leaders Course, Air Assault, Pathfinder, Drill Sergeant, Sapper Leader, Jumpmaster Course, Combat Lifesaver, Master Fitness, Battlestaff and the Modern Army Combatives Course Level I and II.

His military education includes Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Equal Opportunity Leaders Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, First Sergeant Course and the United States Army Sergeants Major Course and the Command Sergeants Major Course.

His Civilian Education includes Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Central Texas College and a Masters of Business Administration from Touro University International.

Maieritsch has numerous awards and is a member of the United States Army Europe Sergeant Morales Club and the Order of the St. Christopher.





Dressed in their orange and purple full battle rattle, the players gathered around the command sergeants major who shouted reminders from the previous night.

“All about the distance between your head and your heart ...,” Maieritsch repeated over and over.

“Soldiers in Iraq are facing the danger of Improvised Explosive Devices everyday,” Schmitt added. “Not knowing what they could encounter, they still go out and do their mission everyday. If they can do that, you can go out here and WIN this game!”

“Just WIN ... it’s that simple!” Maieritsch demanded.

The command sergeants major led the trained warriors out of the locker room and to the perimeter of their battlefield. The coaches opened the gates and the giant waves of motivation flooded the field, drowning any doubt that the team would not devastate the enemy.

As the battle clock ticked, and warriors rushed in and out of the fight, the command sergeants major gave additional words of encouragement.

The training proved successful in the final seconds of the battle, as each player applied the acronym LDRSHIP, pushing the enemy back and back, and finally scoring a touchdown to defeat the competition.

Schmitt and Maiertisch contributed to the Frankfurt Galaxy’s victory in this one battle, but more importantly they provided the motivational training for the army of athletes to succeed in future battles, and ultimately, win the season championship war. ■

← Schmitt exits the arena with a battle-worn Galaxy warrior following the teams last-second victory.

NEWSNOTES

Combat Action Badge

At a Pentagon ceremony June 29, 2005, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker awarded the Army's new Combat Action Badge for the first time to five Soldiers who engaged in combat with the enemy.

The CAB, approved by Schoomaker in May, was created by the Army's leadership to recognize all Soldiers in combat. Soldiers engaged in the War on Terrorism since Sept. 18, 2001, are retroactively eligible to receive the award.



"Today is an historical day for the Army. These Soldiers, who represent our total Army, know what being a Soldier and a warrior stands for," Schoomaker said. "The Soldiers standing here have earned the right to be American – they have walked the walk, they stand for nobility and they represent the Warrior Ethos."

Schoomaker and Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston presented Combat Action Badges to:

- Sgt. Michael Buyas, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division
- Sgt. Manuel J. Montano, 21st Military Police Company
- Sgt. Sean Steans, 377th Transportation Company, 3rd COSCOM
- Army Reserve Sgt. April Pashley, 404th Civil Affairs Battalion
- Army National Guard Sgt. Timothy Gustafson, 1st Battalion, 278th Regimental Combat Team

The CAB, featuring both a bayonet and grenade, may be awarded to any Soldier performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized, who is personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement, according to its authorizing language. Award is not limited by one's branch or military occupational specialty.

Pull-Out Posters

The 3rd Corps Support Command provides logistics support to V Corps. We enable the corps to support high levels of combat over the duration of major operations. Our battlefield support facilitates the V Corps commander's ability to generate combat power at the decisive time and place.



The center of each Sustainer magazine will host a double-sided poster representing two of the 3rd Corps Support Command's areas of support ...

*~ Moving ~ Arming ~ Fixing ~ Sustaining ~ Fueling ~
~ Control Centers ~ Commanding & Controlling ~*

CAREER COUNSELOR CORNER

Are you or one of your Soldiers coming close to your reenlistment window? In order to provide Soldiers with greater flexibility in choosing their reenlistment options, the Army has changed several rules concerning reenlistment.

Bonuses

Currently, eligible Soldiers deployed downrange who reenlist can take advantage of the Deployed Selective Reenlistment Bonus (MILPER Message 04-354). Depending on your pay grade, years for pay, and amount of years you reenlist for, you could receive the maximum payment of \$15,000 tax-free. Currently, all reenlistment bonuses are paid in lump sum. And yes, it is available to all qualified Soldiers, regardless of MOS.

Maybe you're not deployed and want to find out if there are any bonuses to take advantage of. Contact your Career Counselor and they will inform you of the most up to date bonuses.

eArmyU

eArmyU enables Soldiers to further their education through Online Classes. In the past, eArmyU was only offered at certain installations. **Now, through reenlistment, you can take advantage of this educational program.** Qualified Soldiers in the rank of E4-E6 with less than 10 years of AFS, who reenlist for 3 or more years, may receive the eArmyU technology package.

The technology package consists of a laptop, Internet service provider and the college classes. The Soldier signs a participant agreement obligating them to complete at least 12 semester hours within three years. Once that requirement is satisfied, the laptop is theirs to keep!

24 month window

Under normal circumstances, the reenlistment window has historically been from 12-3 months from ETS. That was considered a Soldiers one and only chance to take advantage of the benefits and opportunities the Army has to offer. **As of 29 April 2005, the reenlistment window has changed to 24 months from ETS. What does this mean to you? Basically, it enables you to be more proactive when choosing the reenlistment option you would like to execute.**

From 24-18 months from ETS you are eligible to reenlist for the Regular Army Reenlistment Option. From 18-3 months, you are eligible for all options that you qualify for (Regular Army, Stabilization, Retraining, Overseas Assignment, and CONUS Assignment). Once you are within 3 months of ETS, you can still reenlist, but you will be subject to the needs of the Army.

Citizenship

Prior to April 29, 2005, U.S. citizenship was a requirement to be allowed to serve over 8 years in the Army. Now, **citizenship is no longer a requirement to be eligible to reenlist.** However, it is strongly recommended for all non U.S. citizen Soldiers to continue to pursue their citizenship status. Without citizenship, you are limiting your career opportunities in the Army when it comes to promotion to the senior grades and also MOS's that require a security clearance.

Staff Sgt. Retention Control

The amount of years we are allowed to serve is governed by our current rank and promotable status. **As of April 29, 2005, Soldiers in the rank of staff sergeant are eligible to complete 22 years of active federal military service.** Before this change, most staff sergeants could serve only 20 years.

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485th Corps Support Battalion

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3rd Quarter Statistics

110%
initial term

106%
mid careerist

143%
careerist

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

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SPIRITUAL FITNESS

By Chaplain (Col.) Larry Robinson
3rd COSCOM Chaplain

**Spiritual Fitness is a necessary
factor in achieving Total Fitness.
Total Fitness = Spirit + Mind + Body**

Becoming spiritually fit:

a. Bible Study **b.** develop a
consistent prayer life **c.** fellowship
with Believers and learn to like
people with different hang-ups

Spiritually fit Benefits:

a. Being effective and productive
in one's knowledge of Jesus Christ
b. Strength to endure the hardship
of life **c.** Power to overcome
temptation **d.** A positive attitude
adjustment **e.** eternal walk with the
Lord

Build your Spiritual Fitness

Goals for Growth

Where do you want
to be in 6 months or 6 years?

Seek his Will

What is God's Will for my life?

Seek his Wisdom

How do I become wise
in the knowledge of the Lord?

Live a Godly Life

Live as though God is
leading your every step.

I TIMOTHY 4: 7-8

Having nothing to do
with godless myths and old
wives' tales; rather, train
yourself to be godly. For
physical training is of some
value, but godliness has
value for all things, holding
promise for both the present
life and the life to come.

II PETER 1: 4-11

For this very reason, make
every effort to add to your
faith goodness; and to
goodness, knowledge; and to
knowledge, self-control; and
self-control, perseverance;
and to perseverance,
godliness; and to godliness,
brotherly kindness, and to
brotherly kindness, love. For
if you possess these qualities
in increasing measure, they
will keep you from being
ineffective and unproductive
in your knowledge of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

B.O.S.S. BETTER OPPORTUNITY FOR SINGLE SERVICEMEMBERS



Photos by Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond Folsom
Harley Munoz-Medina splashes her father, Sgt. Munoz-Medina.
Tiffany Crenshaw rests her head on daddy's (Chief Warrant Officer
Alexander Crenshaw) shoulder.



Single Parent Readiness Deployment Retreat

By Spc. Mary E. Ferguson

Fourty-four 3rd Corps Support Command Soldiers and family members participated in a Single Parent Readiness Deployment Retreat June 20-21 at Europa Park.

The retreat kicked off with a three hour block of training on how to handle the hardships of separation, followed by family time at the amusement park.

Soldiers often sacrifice family time, family stability and consistency with their children, in order to serve their country, said Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond Folsom, the 27th Transportation Battalion (MC) Chaplain.

Single parent Soldiers often face

additional issues, such as sending their children back to the states.

"100 percent of those who attended found the training appropriate, and the children and parents enjoyed the time together," said Folsom. Chaplains, with the support of their commanders, provide relationship training like the Single Parent Readiness Deployment Retreat to assist Soldiers in coping with the sacrifices that accompany a military lifestyle, he added.

"Retreat, Marriage Enrichment Training, Communication, and many other types of training are conducted when time and finances permit," said Folsom. "These training events are just part of what makes this job the greatest in the army!"

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How do I become a BOSS Representative?

(1)

Contact your chain of command and inform them of your intentions.

(2)

Get a Special Area Appointment memo signed by your commander.

(3)

Begin attending meetings.



Change of Command ceremonies

Text by Spc. Mary E. Ferguson

Senior officers throughout the 3rd Corps Support Command expressed gratitude towards outgoing commanders, while confidently welcoming incoming commanders, as 14 COSCOM units conducted the ceremonial passing of the colors during the months of April, May and June.

The heart of a military unit is symbolized by the colors under which its Soldiers and civilians serve. The colors stand as a reminder of past glories and traditions, serve as an inspiration for present endeavors and signify a guide towards the future. Unit colors have been the rallying point for military units of every nation for centuries.

When command shifts in a military unit, the passing of responsibilities is marked by the ceremonial passing of the colors.

As the unit's senior enlisted member and custodian of the colors, the command sergeant major receives the colors from the unit's color guard. He/she delivers them to the outgoing commander, who then passes the colors to his/her senior officer, signifying the completion of his/her duties as commander. The senior officer passes the colors to the incoming

commander, representing the trust and confidence in his/her abilities to lead the unit. The completion of the ceremonial passing of the colors symbolizes and ensures the continuity of a unit's spirit and traditions.

In addition to the 16th Corps Support Group and four battalion level change of command ceremonies featured in this section, the following were company/detachment level change of commands:

Capt. Matthew Giertz assumed command of the HHD, 18th Corps Support Battalion April 4. Capt. Franyate Taylor assumed command of the 529th Ordnance Company April 6. Capt. James Gallagher assumed command of the 71st Ordnance Company April 25. Capt. Douglas Richter assumed command of the 19th Support Center, HHC April 26. Capt. Dennis Edler assumed command of the HHC, 3rd COSCOM April 29. Capt. Thomas Kim assumed command of the HHD, 181st Transportation Battalion April 29. Capt. Pierre Spratt assumed command of the HHD, 485th Corps Support Battalion May 10. Capt. Robert Hoffman assumed command the HHD, 27th Transportation Battalion June 10. Capt. Shawn Calvert assumed command of the HHC, 16th Corps Support Group June 24.

Lt. Col. Victor Maccagnan, Jr.-
Incoming 16th Corps
Support Group Commander.

Photo by Spc. Mary E. Ferguson



Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, Col. Michael C. Sevcik and Col. Victor Maccagnan, Jr. salute the 16th CSG Color Guard, while conducting the inspection of the troops.

16th Corps Support Group

June 28, 2005

*Photos by
Spc. Mary E. Ferguson*

“ Today, we pause in our hectic summer schedule and fast pace to honor the accomplishments of the 16th CSG under the leadership of an outstanding command team, Col. Mike and Tamara Sevcik. And, we welcome the new command team, but not new to the 3rd COSCOM, Col. Vic and Debbie Maccagnan.

For the past 2 years, Mike and Tamara Sevcik have poured themselves, with endless energy and enthusiasm, into the Soldiers and families of this unit and the Hanau community. Col. Sevcik took command of this unit in combat, with more than 3,000 Soldiers assigned under his leadership. He began conducting logistical operations in an undeveloped theater extending across Iraq, from Fallujah to Baghdad to Dogwood, Taji and Balad. Today,

we have over 1300 Soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Col. Sevcik brought the 16th home, reunited them with their families, and began the road to reintegration and reconstitution.

The Sevcik team has made a difference and you have left a lasting touch on the hearts and minds of many Soldiers and families during your time with 16th Corps Support Group.

We welcome the Maccagnan team, Col. Vic and Debbie Maccagnan, and their children Kate and Jack.

The Maccagnans are not new to the 3rd COSCOM team, as many of us have witnessed the passion and energy the Maccagnan team brings to this command. Col. Maccagnan has been serving as the 3rd COSCOM Chief of Staff for the last year and is absolutely prepared and eager to continue the legacy and reputation of the 16th.

May God bless the Soldiers, Leaders and families of this great brigade, both here and deployed, and may God Bless each of you ... Sustaining the Line! ””

Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead
3rd COSCOM Commanding General
(from June 28, 2005 speech)



Outgoing

Col. Michael C. Sevcik enlisted in the Army in 1975 and was commissioned as a Transportation Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School in 1977. He served as a Motor Officer and Light Truck Platoon Leader and next as a Support Platoon Leader.

He served three years as an Attack Platoon Leader, Aircraft Maintenance Officer and Production Control Officer in the 503d Combat Aviation Battalion, 3d Armored Division, Hanau, Germany.

Sevcik has held several company commander positions, and deployed with the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) to Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

He was an instructor/author at the Directorate of Logistics, Resourcing and Operations, Command and General Staff College.

In 1996, he assumed command of the 404th Aviation Support Battalion, DISCOM, and subsequently served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

Sevcik assumed command of the CSCT #3, Yongin, Korea, July 11, 2001, and served as the U.S. Forces Korea Liaison Officer to the Commanding General, 3d Republic of Korea, Army.

On July 22, 2003, Sevcik assumed command of the 16th Corps Support Group, FOB Dogwood, Iraq.

He is heading to Fort Leavenworth, where he will serve as the Director, Logistics, Resourcing and Operations at the Army's Command and General Staff College.

Sevcik has received many awards/decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Kuwait Liberation Medals (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait), Aviator Qualification Wings and the Airborne Badge.

In April 2001, Col. Sevcik was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.



Incoming

Col. Victor Maccagnan, Jr. was commissioned as a Second Lt. in the Air Defense Artillery following graduation from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., 1983. He first served as a Platoon Leader, and following a branch transfer to the Quartermaster Corps, served as a Battalion S4 and Company Commander in the 195th Ordnance Battalion.

Maccagnan deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm, 1990, as a part of a liaison team with the VII Corps. Upon redeployment he served as the S3 for the 36th Transportation Battalion.

In 1992, he served as a Logistics Planner with the USAREUR and 7th Army G4, Heidelberg. He graduated the Command and General Staff College in 1996. He was then selected to serve as the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command Liaison

Officer. He assumed command of the 68th Corps Support Battalion in 2000, and in 2002, deployed with the 4th Infantry Division to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Upon redeployment, he attended the U.S. Army War College, and has been assigned as the Chief of Staff of the 3rd Corps Support Command since June 2004.

Awards/decorations include the Bronze Star (Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), a Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Parachutist Badge.



71st Corps Support Battalion

June 20, 2005

Outgoing

Lt. Col. James L. McGinnis Jr. was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He is a 1985 graduate of Florida A&M University and was commissioned into the Army as an Infantry Officer.

In 1985, he served as a Bradley Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion 41st Infantry Regiment (COHORT), 2d Armored Division, FT Hood, Texas. In June 1986, the Battalion rotated forward to Garlstadt, West Germany, where he served as a Heavy Mortar Platoon Leader and a Bradley Company Executive Officer from 1986-1989. In August 1990, he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division, where served during Operations Desert Shield & Storm.

From 1993-96, he served in Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia) serving as a POW/MIA Team Commander at the Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii.

From 1996-2001 he was assigned to the 1st Armored Division and deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina as a part of IFOR. After redeployment he moved to Baumholder, Germany where he served in both Bosnia-Herzegovina and Albania during Operation Allied Force in support of "Task Force Hawk". McGinnis served in a Joint assignment at the U.S Central Command as a Joint Logistics Plans Officer before assuming command of the 71st Corps Support Battalion. His next assignment will be as the G4 in the 1st Infantry Division.

His awards and decorations include, the Bronze Star Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Saudi Arabia - Kuwait Liberation Medal, Master Parachutist badge; Air Assault badge, and Australian Jump Wings and the Quartermaster Branch Bronze Order of Saint Michael.

McGinnis is married to the former Uemit Sever. They have two children, Aylin, 15, and Jamil, 11.

Lt. Col. McGinnis relinquishes his command during the passing of the colors.

Photo by Amy Bugala



Lt. Col. Russell M. Livingston was commissioned as a Distinguished Military Graduate in the Ordnance Corps from East Central Oklahoma State University in 1988. He was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas from 1989 to 1993. Initially he went to Bravo Company, 101st Forward Support Battalion (FSB), 1st Infantry Division, where he served as a Ground Support Platoon Leader and later as a Shop Officer during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He was then selected as Aide de Camp for the Assistant Division Commander Support ADC(S), 1st Infantry Division and then was a Heavy Wheel Fleet Manager in the Division Materiel Management Center.

Livingston served as the Battalion S2/S3 of the 169th Maintenance Battalion, 13th Corp Support Command and deployed to Operation Continued Hope in Somalia. Upon return he took command of the 597th Maintenance Company, 544th Maintenance Battalion, 13th Corp Support Command, and was later selected as the Assistant Professor of Military Science at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina.

From 2000 to 2002, he was the battalion executive officer and then the support operations officer of the 19th Maintenance Battalion.

Livingston's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and masters in communications from Oklahoma University.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, Saudi/Kuwait and the Airborne badge.

Livingston and his wife, Jan, reside in Beratzhausen with five of their six children, Riley, 16; Austin, 12, Tessa, 9, Micah, 2, Ethan, 5 months. Their oldest daughter, Jenny, is attending Baylor University in Waco, Texas.



Incoming



18th Corps Support Battalion



Outgoing

Lt. Col. Bruce Ferri was commissioned in 1985 after graduating from the University of Miami, Florida. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Science degree. His assignments include overseas tours in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Bosnia and numerous worldwide deployments including Panama, Honduras and Antarctica.

Prior to assuming command of the 18th Corps Support Battalion, he was assigned to the United States Transportation Command, where he served as the Joint Logistics Analyst in the USTRANSCOM Commander's Action Group, Aide de Camp to the Deputy Commander in Chief, and Strategic Plans Officer in the TCJ5.

Ferri served as both the Secretary of the General Staff and Division Transportation Officer for the 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum and in Tuzla, Bosnia during SFOR-6.

During Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he was the Operations Officer for the 7th Transportation Group and the Port Operation Officer, 24th Transportation Battalion, Ad Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Ferri's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Antarctica Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (3 Bronze Stars), Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

Ferri and wife, Cathryn, have an eight-year-old daughter, Rachel.



Photo courtesy of 485th CSB
Col. Catherine Haight, the 7th Corps Support Group Commander, passes the unit colors to Lt. Col. Lüders, signifying the start of his 18th CSB command.

Lt. Col. David J. Lüders was commissioned into the Infantry in 1986. He holds an Associate of Arts degree from Marion Military Institute, a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree.

He has served as: Platoon Leader, Bravo Company 1-6 Infantry Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Vilseck Germany; Deception Detachment Commander, Camp Hovey, Korea, HHC, 102nd MI Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division; Rifle Company Commander, 2-35 Infantry Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Public Affairs Detachment Commander, 25th Infantry Division.

Lüders other assignments include: Executive Officer, HHC 1st FSB, Sinai, Egypt; Support Operations Officer, 189th CSB, 1st COSCOM, Ft. Bragg; Plans and Operations Officer, 45th Corps Support Group and HHC US Army Pacific Command, Ft. Shafter.

Prior to assuming command of the 18th Corps Support Battalion, he was assigned to the Air Command and Staff College as an instructor of Joint Campaign Planning

His awards and decorations include the Army Meritorious Service Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Ranger Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Korean Defense Service Medal, Expert Infantry Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

Lüders is married to Erika Howell-Best of Montgomery, Ala.

Incoming



Special Troops Battalion

June 30, 2005

Outgoing

Lt. Col. Fredrick Brown is a native of Natchez, Miss. In 1980 he enlisted in the 95th Infantry Army Reserve Corps, Monroe, Louisiana. Upon completion of ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate in 1985, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Business Administration. His military education includes the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, CAS3, Logistic Management Course, Air Assault Course, Support Operations Course, and the Army Command and General Staff College.

His assignments include Branch Chief, Logistics Support Operations, US European Command J-4; Executive Officer, Division Material Management Center, 25th Infantry Division Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Executive Officer 725th Main Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (L); Support Operations Officer 225th Forward Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (L); Assistant Professor of Military Science, Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss.; Aide De Camp to Chief of Ordnance, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Battalion S-3 Operations Officer, HHC 725th Main Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division (L), Schofield Barracks; Company Commander, Charlie Company Light Maintenance, 24th Infantry Division (H), Fort Stewart, Georgia (DESERT SHIELD/STORM); Class IX Supply Officer, Shop Officer and Maintenance Platoon Leader Delta Company, 724th Main Support Battalion, Fort Stewart.

Brown's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) and the Air Assault Badge.

Brown is married to the former Teresa Grisham of Jackson, Miss. They have a daughter, Danielle, and a son, Fredrick, Jr.



Incoming

Lt. Col. Phillip A. Mead was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1987 from the United States Military Academy where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics and an MBA from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

Following the Ordnance Basic Course, he was assigned to Korea for three years and served multiple logistics positions at the company level as well as the Aide-de-Camp for the 19th Theater Support Command.

In 1991, Mead was assigned as the 4th CMMC Readiness Branch Chief, Fort Hood. As commander of HHC, 169th Maintenance Battalion, he deployed to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope.

In 1995, Mead served as the National Guard Bureau Logistics Directorate at the Pentagon.

In 1997, he led a Presidential mandated project, the Gulf War Declassification Project and was recognized by Computerworld Smithsonian Awards as the 1997 recipient of the visionary award for government technology solutions.

In 1999, Mead served as the S3, 293d Base Support Battalion and later Camp Commandant for Joint Task Force Skilled Anvil. He moved to Italy in 2000. He led the 501st Support Company via Airoborne and Airland operations into Northern Iraq in support of Operation Iraq Freedom.

Mead has spent the past two years as the lead planner in the G4 Transformation cell and later the I Corps Future Center, Support Units of Action, and Unit of Employment.

His decorations include the Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Badge. Mead's awards include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), and the Army Achievement Medal.

Mead and his wife, Hwa Son, have two children, Christopher and Jennifer



The Special Troops Battalion Color Guard prepare to provide the unit colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Karl Schmitt for the passing of the colors.

Photo by
Spc. Mary E. Ferguson



Photo by Amy Bugala
Lt. Col. Dianna Roberson welcomes the responsibility of commanding the 485th Corps Support Battalion during the ceremonial passing of the colors.

Incoming

Lt. Col. Dianna Roberson was commissioned in 1986 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Masters of Science degree in Public Administration.

Her military education includes completion of the Command General Staff College, Support Operations Course, Combined Arms and Service Staff Course, and the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced Courses.

Roberson's past assignments include: Platoon Leader, 597th Maintenance Company (Operation Desert Shield/Storm); Shop Officer, 602d Maintenance Company, and Supply and Services Officer, 169th Maintenance Battalion and Army Central Command; Maintenance Material Officer; S4 and Commander Echo Company, 702d Main Support Battalion; Supply and Maintenance Division Chief, G4, XVIII Airborne Corps; Executive Officer, Corps Material Management; most recently, Logistics Planner, Deputy Chief of Staff Logistics at the Pentagon.

Her awards and decorations include, the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), South West Asia Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

Roberson is married to Air Force Col. Emerson A. Bascomb.

485th Corps Support Battalion

June 14, 2005

Outgoing

Lt. Col. Paul D. Brown entered the military in 1974. After four years of enlisted service, he earned a BBA from the University of North Florida, and in 1985 was commissioned in the Infantry. Brown also has a Masters of Science in Logistics Management. His first assignment was the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he serves as a Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion S3 Air and S4 from 1986 to 1990.

Brown spent a year with the Multinational Force and Observers Sinai, Egypt. He then served as a DISCOM Plans Operations Officer and company commander at Fort Campbell. While with the Center for Army Lessons Learned, he deployed to Bosnia for Operation Joint Endeavor. In 1998, he served as the Support Operations Officer for the 71st Corps Support Battalion, Bamberg. As the Deputy G4 for USAREUR Forward, he deployed in support of Operation Joint Force. In 1999, Brown deployed to Albania as the 7th CSG SPO for Task Force Hawk.

He served as the Deputy Chief of Staff G3 for U.S. Army NATO before assuming command of the 485th Corps Support Battalion. Brown will next serve as the G4 Plans and Operations Officer for V Corps and Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

He has earned the Airborne and Air Assault Badges, and the Ranger Tab. Brown and his wife, Beth Johansen, have three adult children and two grandchildren.

Your IG ...

Helps train the Army.

Is responsible to the U.S. Army, the IG System, and the Commander (Commanding General).

Sphere of Activity includes everything for which the Commander is responsible.

IGs provide assistance, conduct inspections, conduct investigations/inquiries, teach & train.

Ultimately he/she is the extension of the eyes, ears, voice, and conscience of the commander.

IGs can only advise, not order or direct a Commander to act upon a situation.

IGs can inquire/investigate violations of laws, regulations and policies/directives.

Army Active Duty personnel, Reserve (Federal Status), National Guard (Federal Status) and other DOD military and civilians must cooperate with an IG.

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Identity Theft Prevention

By Sgt. 1st Class Sharon Boose
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In today's society, identity theft is a huge problem that is growing day by day. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, Social Security number (SSN), credit card number or other identifying information to commit fraud or other crimes, without your permission. *Within the last twelve months, 9.3 million Americans were victims of identity theft.*

Soldiers and their family members are equally vulnerable due to their almost daily use of their Sponsor's, or their own, SSN in conducting military business or filling out military documents. This mundane use of providing our SSN to agencies has led to the misuse in the workplace of personal information that is protected under the Privacy Act Statement of 1974. Recent examples within the 3D COSCOM have included items such as personnel rosters, with SSNs, sent unprotected through the unclassified email system to entire distribution lists of individuals, instead of to specific personnel who require such information for official purposes. This is a violation of the Privacy Act and personnel can be subject to a \$5000 fine for passing on such information if it is not appropriately protected and not considered official—this includes personnel who forward the information to other recipients.

As military leaders, it is our responsibility to safeguard individuals' personal information. The Department of the Army is authorized to use the SSN as a system to identify Army members and employees; however, no other use of this number is authorized. The Privacy Act requires establishment of proper safeguards to ensure the security and confidentiality of records, and protect

against any threats or hazards to the subject's security or integrity that could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness.

Ordinarily, personal information must be afforded at least the protection required for information designated "For Official Use Only" (FOUO).

Any unclassified document containing FOUO information shall be marked "For Official Use Only" at the bottom on the outside of the front cover (if any), on each page containing FOUO information, and the outside of the back cover (if any). Each paragraph containing FOUO information shall be marked as such. Other records, such as

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photographs, films, tapes, or slides, shall be marked "For Official Use Only" or "FOUO" in a manner that ensures a recipient or viewer is aware of the status of the information therein.

Displaying or briefing FOUO information, such as SSNs or, for example, an individual's disciplinary action, in a forum comprised of personnel who do not need to have access to such information is a violation of the Privacy Act. Sending such information to a vast email distribution list also is a violation.

In safeguarding information during normal working hours, records determined to be FOUO shall be placed in an out-of-sight location if the work area is accessible to non-government personnel. Destruction of FOUO material should be by shredding or tearing the documents to prevent reconstruction.

For more information on this subject you can referred to AR 340-21 or DoD 5400-7R. Also, you can contact your Inspector General or legal office.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Calendar

Commemorations and Ethnic Observances

January

Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr.'s Birthday

February

African-American/Black
History Month

March

Women's History Month

April 18 - 25

"Days of Remembrance"
for victims of the Holocaust

May

Asian - Pacific Heritage Month

August 26

Women's Equality Day

September 15 - October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month

October

National Disability
Employment Awareness Month

November

Native American Indian
Heritage Month

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What is DIVERSITY?

By Sgt. 1st Class Nichelle Sanders
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Diversity is a complex classification of human characteristics related to personal and biological traits. It is an expanded view of human potential without applying labels or making other biased judgments.

Today, because of the Civil Rights Movement and the Army's EO Program, soldiers are more aware and sensitized to their differences. Soldiers are encouraged to share and discuss their differences during training and other unit forums that provide opportunities for understanding the diversity that exists between themselves and their leaders. It may help leaders to understand and recognize diversity as a two dimensional concept that directly or indirectly affects Soldiers' values, beliefs, experiences, and behaviors.

Primary dimensions are those visible and sometimes invisible differences that people are born with and affect them throughout life. These include age, gender, race, color, physical abilities, and ethnic or cultural heritage.

Secondary dimensions of diversity are those things that people can influence or change in their lives such as religion, income, marital status, geographical location, education, parental status, work history, or military experience. Today, because of our advance technology, some might argue that primary dimensions can be changed, but for the vast majority, they are fixed at birth. Leaders must recognize that secondary dimensions can have such a significant influence on some soldiers that they will act or behave as though they were primary categories.

The 3rd COSCOM's EO Program is

designed to eliminate discrimination as outlined in AR 600-20, Army Command Policy. Leaders' actions to manage diversity are not intended to replace equal opportunity programs. These programs are still necessary because they establish policy and mandate guidelines on behavior and command response to issues of discrimination.

Creating programs on managing diversity is a strategy to continue a process where equal opportunity programs leave off. Policy and constitutional law drive Equal Opportunity programs while issues of diversity are driven by the needs of the organization. Managing diversity is not a legal issue, nor should it attempt to address past wrongs. The question that leaders should ask is, "What actions or behaviors will demonstrate command support for diversity in the command?" Managing diversity programs seek to help leaders answer these questions and enhance the organizational climate by valuing differences among all individuals and groups within the organization.

EO and diversity goals/objectives:

- Creating an organizational climate where all Soldiers, family members, and civilians have the opportunity to grow and develop to reach their full potential.
- Full use of all Soldiers within the organization.
- An enhanced working environment by eliminating barriers to cross-cultural interactions.
- Developing awareness and sensitivity to issues of diversity affecting the organization.



MEDEVAC

Training

By Spc. Mary E. Ferguson

Soldiers from the 27th Transportation Battalion's (Movement Control) HHD and 626th Movement Control Team welcomed the responsibility of, "never leaving a fallen comrade," by participating in MEDEVAC operations training May 19 on Wiesbaden Army Airfield.



Soldiers from the 27th Transportation Battalion (MC) train on how to evacuate a fallen comrade using MEDEVAC procedures.

Photo by Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond Folsom

“The training was conducted to expose Combat Service Support Soldiers to realistic MEDEVAC operations, and to prepare them in case they have to employ a MEDEVAC to save a battle buddy’s life,” said Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Drummond, the HHD 27th Transportation Battalion’s (MC) Detachment Sergeant.

Drummond assisted in the coordination, planning and execution of the training with the 159th Air Medical Crew.

Sgt. Kendra Jackson, a flight medic from the 159th Air Medical Crew, briefed the Soldiers on the characteristics and process of a 9-line MEDEVAC request, and the features of a UH-60 helicopter.

Noncommissioned officers checked the Soldiers for the necessary protective goggles, gloves and hearing protection

before the training began, said Drummond.

“The 159th Air Medical Crew pilots had us do a ‘walk phase’ on loading and unloading casualties into the UH-60,” he said. “Once the pilots felt comfortable they turned on the aircraft’s rotary wings and had us do the ‘run phase’, an actual MEDEVAC.”

Each Soldier experienced riding on the aircraft, playing a casualty role, and being a litter bearer.


“I wanted the Soldiers to know that every officer, NCO or junior enlisted Soldier must depend on each other for survival and whether they are injured, carrying the litter, or providing medical care, they can rely on each other to get each other off the battle field and to the proper facilities for treatment,” said

Drummond.

Former HHD 27th Trans. Bn. (MC) Commander, Capt. Warren C. Fisher, served as the Air Assault qualified officer for the training, and instructed the Soldiers on proper hand and arm landing signals.

The training also supported one of the 9 Warrior Battle Drills – evacuate injured personnel from a vehicle.

“Though not a typical exercise for a Movement Control Battalion, because of the current scope of American casualties being imposed in Iraq, it is extremely important that the Soldiers understand the importance of MEDEVAC operations and immediate first aid,” said Drummond.



Soldiers experience the training from all angles, playing the roles of evacuators and casualty.

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(Capt.) Raymond Folsom*

Railhead Operations

By Graham Walker, 3rd COSCOM Safety

So your unit is deploying, and you will be participating in a railhead operation. As an experienced Soldier, you know that this is just another name for loading vehicles or containers onto a train. Sounds easy, right?

Unfortunately, like so many other things, what sounds easy and relatively safe is actually riddled with hazards, some of which can take your life. Only through leaders' and individual Soldiers' vigilance can we guarantee that these operations are safe and efficient.

So what makes loading equipment onto a railcar so hazardous? Thanks to Gen. B.B. Bell, commanding general, U.S. Army Europe & 7th Army, most of us should know at least one answer to this question. Several "Bell Sends" have focused on the electrocution hazards around railhead operations and the deaths they have

caused. As a result of these tragedies, no one is allowed to climb on a loaded railcar. The probability of a person accidentally coming in contact with a live power line is just too great. It has happened and will happen again if this requirement is not followed.

Less serious injuries can be avoided by simply wearing the right gear. Although this is sometimes uncomfortable, the protection Personal Protective Equipment offers from falling objects, loud noises, pinch points and the like, outweigh the discomfort. The box on the bottom left shows what you must wear while participating in your unit's railhead operation.

Effective leadership is an important element of any operation, and rail loading is no exception. For every railhead operation, there should be a Railhead OIC/NCOIC, Railhead Safety Officer, Train Commander and Train Safety Officer assigned to assist the commander with planning, rehearsing and executing the operation.

Preparation for these operations must include a risk assessment, safety briefing and rail loading training. The sidebar at the top right cites some important elements of the safety briefing.

Another hazard present in all railhead operations has to do with moving vehicles while people are present. Properly trained ground guides who know the correct hand signals are essential to avoid personnel being crushed or hit by a vehicle. Along with properly licensed operators, they can also help prevent property damage caused by vehicles falling off ramps or railcars.

Ground guides should be aware of their body placement relative to their surroundings, and should remain stationary and maintain visual contact with the driver. Material handling equipment adds additional hazards and licensing

Safety Briefing

Don't be on the same railcar as a moving vehicle.

Don't jump off railcars.

Don't walk between railcars.

Don't walk backwards.

Don't ride in or climb on locked equipment being transported by rail.

No horseplay.

Use proper techniques when lifting heavy materials

requirements.

A forklift is a typical example of this kind of equipment and can easily cause injury if driven by inexperienced or careless personnel. The most important part of your unit's operation is each Soldier's active participation in the risk assessment process during every phase of the mission.

For example, if safe practices are being pushed aside to speed up the operation, every Soldier is responsible for identifying that hazard and bringing it to the commander's attention.

Rushed behavior commonly leads to careless accidents, such as a Soldier falling from a railcar or being hit by objects thrown from the car. These may seem like minor incidents, but they can cause serious injury.

So when it's time for your unit to move its equipment, remember everyone is responsible for their surroundings and avoiding the hazards involved in this type of mission. Preparation is the key to successful railhead operations. Prepare yourself and your unit to stay safe and make it home.

Railhead Personal Protective Equipment

All Personnel

- ⇒ Kevlar or OSHA-compliant hardhat
- ⇒ Eye protection
- ⇒ Leather or work gloves (not wool inserts)
- ⇒ Hearing protection

Ground Guides

- ⇒ Gear listed above
- ⇒ Flashlights/chemical lights
- ⇒ Reflective vest or belt

BATTLEFIELD READY CIVILIANS

PART 2

By Karen Keller-Kappaun

Chief of 3rd COSCOM's Manpower Management Division

If you're a civilian employee who's been tapped to deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, you may be asking, "What's next?"

Whether you already serve in an Emergency Essential Civilian designated position, or are volunteering for service downrange, you'll want to ensure all of your affairs are in order before you go, and specific pre-deployment and training requirements are met prior to boarding the plane.

Training is the cornerstone of deployment preparedness. Civilian employees currently serving in an EEC capacity should have already completed the basic training requirements of Nuclear Biological Chemical training, first aid, soldier field survivor tasks and a Geneva Conventions familiarization course.

Employees who volunteer to deploy should begin basic EEC training requirements as soon as they are notified that deployment is imminent (see 3rd COSCOM EEC Training Requirements on the COSCOM Sharepoint portal under HQ Sections, G8, Manpower Management Division).

Obtaining the appropriate equipment is a crucial step in preparing for deployment. Your unit should provide you with a protective mask and hood and overgarments for possible exposure to chemical agents.

You will use these items during NBC training events, and they will be required on your packing list when you deploy.

After COSCOM G8 issues a memorandum authorizing you to draw military uniforms and equipment, your next stop should be the community Central Issue Facility. An issue of Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment will include items required for your deployment such as a protective vest, sleeping bag, duffel bags and Kevlar helmet.

You will also be required to draw the Desert Camouflage Uniform and desert

combat boots for desert deployment. All deploying civilians are authorized up to \$400 reimbursement costs per fiscal year for additional military clothing expenditures not covered by the CIF issue.

Your purchases should include t-shirts, socks and other items from the post Military Clothing and Sales required for your complete deployment outfitting.

Shortly before your deployment, a medical examination at government expense will be conducted by the community medical clinic staff.

The medical examination is used to determine any or possible pre-existing conditions or medical issues requiring



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~ Karen Keller-Kappaun ~



attention prior to departure.

When your period of deployment has concluded, and before transport back to home station, you will be asked to complete a post-deployment questionnaire and be given a TB Tine test. As part of your post-deployment processing, you will be required to receive a follow-up medical examination and reading of the TB Tine test within a specified period of time. You will be instructed on specific procedures before your departure to home station.

As your departure date approaches, a Pre-deployment Processing event will be scheduled in your community. A PDP is a one-stop opportunity to finalize your pre-deployment requirements. Representatives from the Community Legal Office, Medical Clinic and Civilian Personnel Office. 3rd COSCOM will also be on hand to offer assistance with powers of attorney, wills, vehicle registration/de-registration, immunizations, beneficiary forms and last minute training requirements. Attendance at a PDP 30-60 days before deployment is mandatory.

Deploying civilians register in the

CIVTRACKS and Emergency Contact Data Systems prior to their deployment, and should regularly update the system with changes in location, contact information, or expected deployment dates.

For assistance with either of these systems, employees should contact their servicing Civilian Personnel Advisory Center or the 3rd COSCOM Manpower Division.

It is important to note that as of this writing, civilians deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom are non-combatants unauthorized to carry weapons.

Although designated as non-combatants, service downrange is not without risk. Employees are encouraged to update personal life insurance policies, legal authorization documents, and financial investments prior to their deployments.

Your federal beneficiary forms should be updated with the local Civilian Personnel Offices prior to departure. These forms include the Thrift Savings Plan, Unpaid Compensation, Federal Employee Retirement System, and Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance.

The third and final part of this series, will focus on professional development opportunities downrange, re-deployment procedures and home station reintegration.

BEFORE YOU GO

Emergency Data (DD Form 93)
EEC Agreement (DD Form 2365)
Register in CIVTRACKS
Transfer to Standby Reserve
(if military reservist)
Update federal beneficiary forms
Update personal documents
Pre-deployment CPAC counseling
Danger Pay, Foreign Post
Differential
(SF-1190)



"DOWNRANGE" SCRAPBOOK

Protecting Convoys

Soldiers from the 51st Transportation Company (PLS) are no stranger to deployment. They were part of the initial operations in Iraq and served their first year transporting all classes of cargo under fire. So, when the company was told they would be returning to Iraq, a majority of Soldiers thought they would be doing the same mission. Once they arrived on ground they discovered that instead of transporting cargo, protecting the transporters by providing security on their convoys would be their focus.

A detachment of Soldiers from the company was sent early to Camp Al Taqaddum, Iraq to participate in an extensive training and qualification program for the M1114 Convoy Protection Platform (CPP).

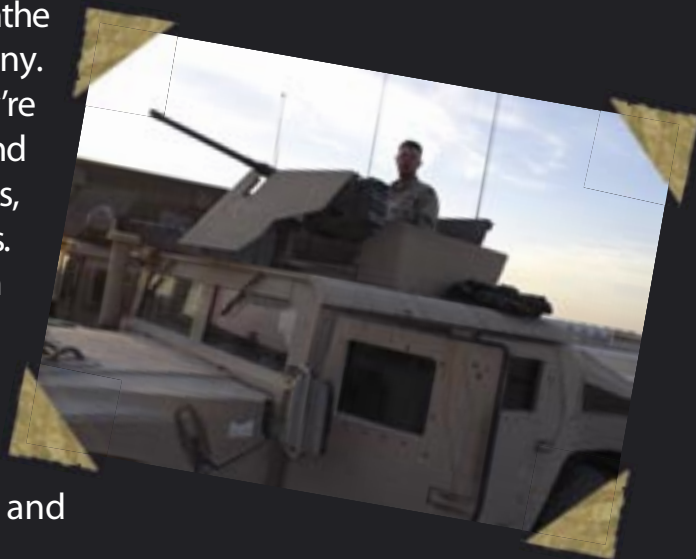
"Becoming part of the Train the Trainer exercise is exciting," said Staff Sgt. Marty Thompson. "We will be doing something that we have never done before [with the CPPs] as part of our MOS, using armored humvees instead of gun trucks."

Before the use of the Convoy Protection Platforms, Soldiers tasked with providing convoy security often drove in old M35A2's, commonly known as "deuce and a half" trucks with .50 caliber machine guns and slabs of metal on the sides to protect the gunners and the driver from damage. As the face of war changes so does the technology. Soldiers are now provided with the completely up-armored M1114 humvee. The M1114 was most commonly fielded to military police units for use in Bosnia and Kosovo. But with the recent increase of roadside bombs in Iraq Soldiers needed much more durable, maneuverable, and lethal means to protect the convoys.

The majority of transportation units in Iraq are augmented with the durable equipment to protect their own convoys. In some cases entire transportation companies are being re-equipped and tasked to primarily protect military and civilian convoys on the road, as is the case with the 51st Transportation Company.

Soldiers take pride in their new pieces of equipment. They're equipped with the latest in high-tech communication and land navigation technology, lethal crew-served weapon systems, completely up-armored, and air conditioning equipped vehicles.

As the 51st Transportation Company reaches its six-month mark in Iraq and continues providing convoy security morale is high. Over the countless and dangerous missions to date there have been no fatalities or combat-related injuries. A large part of that excellent record is due to the Soldiers' proficiency when tasked to leave the wire daily and pull the dangerous and difficult duty of protecting the convoys.



- Staff Sgt. Ronold H. Wahl, II

NEWSNOTES

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Staff Sgt. Anthony Michael Homa
Staff Sgt. Travis Tyrone Armstrong
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Staff Sgt. Gary Scott Pell
Staff Sgt. William Douglas Reeves
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Staff Sgt. Jeffery Demont Willis
Staff Sgt. Bobby Ray Smith Williams
Staff Sgt. Michael Todd Clark
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Staff Sgt. Michael Paul Wierschem
Staff Sgt. Craig L. Morton
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Sgt. Paul Emmitt Wedderburn
Sgt. Jeffery Howard Bryant Jr.
Sgt. Takisha Yvonne Daniels
Sgt. Marquis Monterrio Dodson
Sgt. Ronald Edward Ostby
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Sgt. Michael Carlos Sieber
Sgt. Michael Lashawn Moore
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Sgt. Anthony Rodriquez Parris II
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Sgt. Olanrewaju Tokunbo Anibaba
Sgt. Cameron Paul Mitchell
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Sgt. Mark Grimes
Sgt. Michael Damien Perkins
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Sgt. Demitris Allen Blanks
Sgt. Shane Christopher Williams
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Sgt. Rilnell James Alford
Sgt. William Lamar Avery
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Sgt. Timmie Prince Harness Sr.
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Sgt. Willie Anthony Carter
Sgt. Chgward Amory Williams
Sgt. Dameyion Schanun Caradine
Sgt. Michael Francis Thiel
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Sgt. Juan Luis Andrew Sanchez
Sgt. Jonie Weekley
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Spc. Alexander Villafranki
Spc. Matthew Scott Bernick
Spc. Tylerscott Ratliff Rumely
Spc. Kendall Dante Lartigue
Spc. Daniel John Colgan
Spc. Bradley Ray Schank
Spc. Brent Allen Foltz
Spc. Nathaniel Earl Humphrey
Spc. Mandrell Antonio Ryan
Spc. Christopher Lewis
Spc. Michael Wade James
Spc. Matthew Michael Mitts
Spc. Nathan Lee Slade
Spc. Charles E. Greene
Spc. James Michael Little
Spc. Kristina Draxler

Spc. Aaron Parry Davis
Spc. Jed Marlin Gettinger
Spc. Edward Amos Oliver III
Spc. David Allan Moore
Spc. Steven Hardy Lloyd
Spc. Luis Antonio Suffront
Spc. Candice Marie Stewart
Spc. Carlos Orlando Serra
Spc. April Sharuice Green
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Spc. Ellen Leggett
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Spc. Tyson Jerome Hollins
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Pfc. Kevin Craig Eberhardt
Pfc. Benjamin Adam Niedzwiecki
Pfc. Krista Louise Amoling

BEAR Members

The Bonus Extension And Retraining Program lets soldiers extend to attend a critically short Military Occupational Specialty producing school. Following graduation, soldiers receive bonuses for his/her new MOS.

Sgt. Christopher Paul Smith



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